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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6960

BILL NUMBER: SB 331

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 4, 2006

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Abandoned Vehicles.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Broden

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires that if:

- (1) an abandoned vehicle is sold by a person who removed, towed, or stored the vehicle; and
- (2) proceeds from the sale of the vehicle covered the removal, towing, and storage expenses (as opposed to just storage expenses under current law); the remaining proceeds from the sale of the vehicle must be returned to the previous owner of the vehicle if the previous owner is known.

The bill also provides that a municipal corporation that operates a storage yard may dispose of the abandoned vehicle to an automobile:

- (1) scrapyard; or
- (2) salvage recycler; upon removal of the abandoned vehicle.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill allows removal and towing services in the amount that may be retained to cover expenses from the sale of an abandoned vehicle. These funds could offset any costs a local unit incurs for removal, towing, or storage of an abandoned vehicle.

Also, the bill could reduce storage expense for a municipal corporation that operates a storage yard because the municipal corporation could dispose of the abandoned vehicle to an automobile scrapyard or automotive salvage recycler upon removal of the vehicle.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Municipal corporations.

Information Sources:

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